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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.